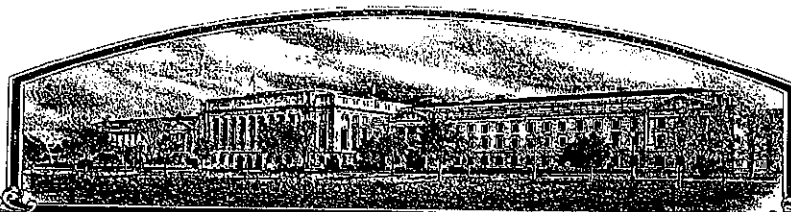


No.

200000050



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Abbott and Cobb, Inc.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED, PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW. NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

WATERMELON

'Summer Flavor-900'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand.

Attest:

Ann Marie La

Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Samuel H. Hildner

Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

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APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF OWNER Abbott and Cobb, Inc		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NAME		3. VARIETY NAME Summer Flavor 900	
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) P.O. BOX 307 Feasterville, PA 19053-0307		5. TELEPHONE (include area code) 215 245-6666		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 0000000507	
6. FAX (include area code) 215 245-9043		7. IF THE OWNER NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation		8. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION PA	
9. DATE OF INCORPORATION Jan 2-1974		10. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION. (First person listed will receive all papers) Mr. Arthur Abbott, president Abbott and Cobb, Inc P.O. BOX 307 Feasterville, PA 19053-0307		FILING DATE 11/9/99	
11. TELEPHONE (include area code) 215 245-6666		12. FAX (include area code) 215 245-9043		FILING AND EXAMINATION FEES: \$2450- DATE 11-9-99 CERTIFICATION FEE: \$300 DATE 3/16/00	
13. E-MAIL Summerswt@AOL.com		14. CROP KIND (Common Name) Watermelon		15. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME OF CROP Citrullus lanatus	
16. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Cucurbitaceae		17. IS THE VARIETY A FIRST GENERATION HYBRID? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		18. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of Variety d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety (Optional) e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Owner's Ownership f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voucher Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties, verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository) g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,450), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to the Plant Variety Protection Office)	
19. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes", answer items 20 and 21 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If "no," go to item 22)		20. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO SF-900 is an F1 Hybrid		21. IF "YES" TO ITEM 20, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED	
22. HAS THE VARIETY (INCLUDING ANY HARVESTED MATERIAL) OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THIS VARIETY BEEN SOLD, DISPOSED OF, TRANSFERRED, OR USED IN THE U. S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE DATE OF FIRST SALE, DISPOSITION, TRANSFER, OR USE FOR EACH COUNTRY AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES. (Please use space indicated on reverse.)		23. IS THE VARIETY OR ANY COMPONENT OF THE VARIETY PROTECTED BY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT (PLANT BREEDER'S RIGHT OR PATENT)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, PLEASE GIVE COUNTRY, DATE OF FILING OR ISSUANCE AND ASSIGNED REFERENCE NUMBER. (Please use space indicated on reverse.)			
24. The owners declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate. The undersigned owner(s) is(are) the owner of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 42, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Owner(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.					
SIGNATURE OF OWNER John F. Malley		SIGNATURE OF OWNER			
NAME (Please print or type) JOHN F. MALLEY		NAME (Please print or type)			
CAPACITY OR TITLE Ex V/Pres. Prod/Purchasing		DATE 11-3-99		CAPACITY OR TITLE 1	

INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL: To be effectively filed with the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO), ALL of the following items must be received in the PVPO: (1) Completed application form signed by the owner; (2) completed exhibits A, B, C, E; (3) for a seed reproduced variety at least 2,500 viable untreated seeds, for a hybrid variety at least 2,500 untreated seeds of each line necessary to reproduce the variety, or for tuber reproduced varieties verification that a viable (in the sense that it will reproduce an entire plant) tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository; (4) check drawn on a U.S. bank for \$2,450 (\$300 filing fee and \$2,150 examination fee), payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (See Section 97.6 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.) Partial applications will be held in the PVPO for not more than 90 days, then returned to the applicant as unfilled. Mail application and other requirements to Plant Variety Protection Office, AMS, USDA, Room 500, NAL Building, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the application are self explanatory unless noted below. Corrections on the application form and exhibits must be initialed and dated. **DO NOT** use masking materials to make corrections. If a certificate is allowed, you will be requested to send a check payable to "Treasurer of the United States" in the amount of \$300 for issuance of the certificate. Certificates will be issued to owner, not licensee or agent.

Plant Variety Protection Office

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Homepage: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/science/pvp.htm>

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- 18a. Give: (1) the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method; (2) the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication; (3) evidence of uniformity and stability; and (4) the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified
- 18b. Give a summary of the variety's distinctness. Clearly state how this application variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety is most similar to one variety or a group of related varieties:
- (1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively;
 - (2) attach statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these are clear differences; and
 - (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs (prints) of seed and plant comparisons which clearly indicate distinctness
- 18c. Exhibit C forms are available from the PVPO Office for most crops; specify crop kind. Fill in Exhibit C (Objective Description of Variety) form as completely as possible to describe your variety.
- 18d. Optional additional characteristics and/or photographs. Describe any additional characteristics that cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the characteristics that are difficult to describe, such as plant habit, plant color, disease resistance, etc.
- 18e. Section 52(5) of the Act requires applicants to furnish a statement of the basis of the applicant's ownership. An Exhibit E form is available from the PVPO.
19. If "Yes" is specified (seed of this variety be sold by variety name only, as a class of certified seed), the applicant MAY NOT reverse this affirmative decision after the variety has been sold and so labeled, the decision published, or the certificate issued. However, if "No" has been specified, the applicant may change the choice. (See Regulations and Rules of Practice, Section 97.103).
22. See Sections 41, 42, and 43 of the Act and Section 97.5 of the regulations for eligibility requirements.
23. See Section 5.5 of the Act for instructions on claiming the benefit of an earlier filing date.

22. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide the date of first sale, disposition, transfer, or use for each country and the circumstances, if the variety (including any harvested material) or a hybrid produced from this variety has been sold, disposed of, transferred, or used in the U.S. or other countries.)

Summer Flavor-900 has been selling in the USA and Mexico since Jan 5, 1999

23. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please give the country, date of filing or issuance, and assigned reference number, if the variety or any component of the variety is protected by intellectual property right (Plant Breeder's Right or Patent).)

W-9809, the female parent of SF-900 is protected under Plant Variety protection, Certificate 9900241, issued on June 3, 1999.

NOTES: It is the responsibility of the applicant/owner to keep the PVPO informed of any changes of address or change of ownership or assignment or owner's representative during the life of the application/certificate. There is no charge for filing a change of address. The fee for filing a change of ownership or assignment or any modification of owner's name is specified in Section 97.175 of the regulations. (See Section 101 of the Act, and Sections 97.130, 97.131, 97.175(h) of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.)

To avoid conflict with other variety names in use, the applicant must check the variety names proposed by contacting: Seed Branch, AMS, USDA, Room 213, Building 306, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center-East, Beltsville, MD 20705. Telephone: (301) 504-8089.

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EXHIBIT A

BREEDING HISTORY : SUMMER FLAVOR-900

Summer Flavor-900 (SF-900) is a branded First Generation diploid hybrid watermelon in the " Allsweet " fruit type. The parents of SF-900 are W-9809 (female parent), and the public variety Allsweet (male parent).

Breeding History of Female parent w-9809

W-9809, the female parent of SF-900 is a protected variety under the Plant Variety protection Act, Certificate 9900241, issued on June 3, 1999.

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EXHIBIT B : STATEMENT OF DISTINCTNESS

Summer Flavor-900

Summer Flavor-900 most closely resembles “ Allsweet “, however, it differs from Allsweet in the following characteristics:

- 1- The flesh color of Allsweet is light red, whereas, the flesh color of SF-900 is dark red in color. Using the “Royal Horticultural Colour Chart “ as a reference, SF-900 will be rated SCARLET 19, whereas, Allsweet will be rated SCARLET 19/2. Please refer to the enclosed digital pictures showing the internal flesh colors of Allsweet and SF-900.**

- 2- The seeds of Allsweet are small-medium in size, and mottled brown in color, whereas, The seeds of SF-900 are medium in size and solid black in color.**

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EXHIBIT C
(Watermelon)

BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
WATERMELON (CITRULLUS LANATUS)

INSTRUCTIONS: See Reverse.

NAME OF APPLICANT(S)

Abbott and Cobb, Inc.

ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code)

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Feasterville, PA 19053-0307

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VARIETY NAME OR TEMPORARY
DESIGNATION

Summer Flavor-900
F1 Hybrid

Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal character of this variety in the boxes below.

Place a zero in first box (e.g., 0 8 9 or 0 9) when number is either 99 or less or 9 or less.

1. TYPE:

1 = OBLONG 2 = ROUND LARGE 3 = ROUND SMALL (icebox)

2. AREA OF BEST ADAPTATION:

4 1 = SOUTH 2 = NORTHEAST/NORTHCENTRAL 3 = SOUTHWEST 4 = MOST AREAS

3. EMERGENCE TO ANTHESIS:

NO. OF DAYS EARLIER THAN 1 = CHARLESTON GREY
0 1 NO. OF DAYS LATER THAN 2 = OTHER (Specify) ALL Sweet

4. POLLINATION TO MATURITY:

NO. OF DAYS EARLIER THAN 1 = CHARLESTON GREY
0 1 NO. OF DAYS LATER THAN 2 = OTHER (Specify) ALL Sweet

5. PLOIDY:

1 1 = DIPLOID 2 = TETRAPLOID 3 = TRIPLOID

6. PLANT

1 Cotyledon: 1 = FLAT 2 = FOLDED 1 1 = MONOECIOUS 2 = ANDROMONOECIOUS

Number of flowers per plant at first fruit set:

3 6 STAMINATE 0 3 PISTILLATE 0 0 PERFECT 4 NO. OF MAIN STEMS AT CROWN

7. STEM:

1 1 = ROUND 2 = ANGULAR 0 7 MM. DIAMETER AT SECOND NODE

3 1 = GLABROUS 2 = SCABROUS 3 = PUBESCENT 4 = BRISTLED

0 8 CM. VINE LENGTH \div NO. OF INTERNODES (At last harvest)

8. LEAF:

1 1 = OVATE 2 = OBOVATE 3 = ROUND 1 1 = LONGER THAN WIDE 2 = LENGTH-WIDTH EQUAL
3 = WIDER THAN LONG

2 Dorsal Surface: 1 = SMOOTH 2 = PUBESCENT

2 Ventral Surface: 3 Color: 1 = LIGHT GREEN 2 = GRAY GREEN
3 = MEDIUM GREEN 4 = DARK GREEN

9. FLOWER (At first fruit set):

0 3 Staminate: CM. ACROSS 0 3 Perfect: CM. ACROSS 2 Color: 1 = LEMON YELLOW
2 = YELLOW 3 = ORANGE

10. MATURE FRUIT:

1 = ROUND 2 = OVAL 3 = CYLINDRICAL

CM. LONG

CM. DIAMETER
AT MIDSECTION

KG. AVERAGE WEIGHT

INDEX = LENGTH \div DIAMETER X 10

1 = SMOOTH 2 = SLIGHTLY GROOVED 3 = DEEPLY GROOVED

Color: 1 = SOLID (One color) 2 = STRIPE 3 = MOTTLE/NET

Primary Color: } 1 = YELLOW GREEN (Desert King) 2 = LIGHT GREEN (Charleston Gray) 3 = MEDIUM GREEN (Sugar Baby)

Secondary Color: } 4 = DARK GREEN (Florida Giant) 5 = OTHER (Specify) _____

11. RIND:

1 = TENDER 2 = BRITTLE 3 = TOUGH

THICKNESS MM. BLOSSOM END

THICKNESS MM. SIDES

12. FLESH:

1 = CRISP 2 = SOFT

1 = COARSE-FIBROUS 2 = FINE-LITTLE FIBER

Color: 1 = YELLOW 2 = ORANGE 3 = PINK 4 = RED 5 = DARK RED

REFRACTOMETER % SOLUBLE SOLIDS OF JUICE
(Center of fruit)

% CHECK VARIETY (Specify) _____

% HOLLOW HEART

% PLACENTAL
SEPARATION

% TRANSVERSE
CRACK

13. SEED: (F1 seed)

MM. LONG

MM. WIDE

MM. THICK

INDEX \div LENGTH \div WIDTH X 10

GM. PER 1000 SEED

NO. SEED
PER FRUIT

Color: 1 = WHITE 2 = WHITE-TAN TIPPED 3 = WHITE-PINK TIPPED 4 = TAN 5 = GREEN
6 = RED 7 = DARK BROWN 8 = DARK BROWN MOTTLED 9 = BLACK 10 = MOTTLED BLACK

14. DISEASE RESISTANCE: (0 = Untested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)

ANTHRACNOSE (Race 1) DOWNY MILDEW FUSARIUM WILT (Race 1) GUMMY STEM BLIGHT

SQUASH MOSAIC WATERMELON MOSAIC POWDERY MILDEW CUCUMBER MOSAIC

OTHER (Specify) _____

15. OTHER RESISTANCE: (0 = Untested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)

SUNBURN ROOT KNOT OTHER (Specify) _____

16. NAME A VARIETY THAT MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED:

Days maturity	ALLSWEET	Fruit shape	ALLSWEET
Plant vigor	ALLSWEET	Rind color	ALLSWEET
Fruit Size	ALLSWEET	Flesh quality	ALLSWEET

REFERENCES:

1. Frey, K. J. 1966. Plant Breeding - Symposium. 1 ed. Iowa State University Press.
2. Ware, G. W. and McCollum, J. P. 1968. Producing Vegetable Crops. Interstate Printers & Publishers, Inc. Danville, Illinois.
3. Whitaker, T. W. and Davis, G. N. 1962. Cucurbits. Interscience Publishers, Inc. New York.
4. Nickerson's or any recognized color fan should be used to determine the plant colors of the described variety.







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EXHIBIT D : ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIONS

The commercial cultivar Allsweet has been a popular cultivar with watermelon growers in the USA and Mexico, due to its dark stripes, disease resistances and wide adaptability. Allsweet has light red to pink colored flesh, medium brown mottled seeds, and a tendency to "bottle neck", under some unfavorable growing conditions. The market preferences, however, has been shifting towards a more intense red colored flesh, small to medium solid black seeds, and less tendency for "bottle necking", especially during the early and late parts of the growing season. Moreover, due to demand/supply pressures, early in the season, the growers are harvesting watermelons ever earlier to attain favorable pricing. Allsweet has very light to pink color when cut early, and that has been a major draw back with this cultivar.

Summer Flavor-900 goes a long way to solve the the above mentioned problems associated with Allsweet, and it does meet most, if not all, the new trends in the market. It does have an intense red flesh, and the red color does develop relatively early.

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Summer Flavor-900 also has a medium-sized seeds that are solid black in color, which enhances the contrast with the intense red flesh color. In comparative growing tests in California, Texas, and Mexico, Summer Flavor-900 consistently showed much less tendency to "Bottle Necking" than Allsweet.

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EXHIBIT E
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP

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1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) <i>Abbott and Cobb, Inc</i>	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER	3. VARIETY NAME <i>SUMMER FLAVOR[®]</i> <i>900</i>
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP, and Country) <i>P.O. BOX 307</i> <i>Feasterville, PA 19053-0307</i>	5. TELEPHONE (include area code) <i>215</i> <i>245-6666</i>	6. FAX (include area code) <i>215</i> <i>245-9043</i>
7. PVPO NUMBER <i>200000050</i>		

8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropriate block. If no, please explain. ☒ YES ☐ NO

9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or U.S. based company? ☒ YES ☐ NO
If no, give name of country

10. Is the applicant the original owner? ☒ YES ☐ NO If no, please answer one of the following:

- a. If original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. national(s)?
☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country
- b. If original rights to variety were owned by a company(ies), is(are) the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?
☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country

11. Additional explanation on ownership (if needed, use reverse for extra space):

Abbott and Cobb, is the sole owner of SF-900. This F1 hybrid uses a protected proprietary inbred (W-9809) as female, and the public variety AUSweet as male.

PLEASE NOTE:

Plant variety protection can be afforded only to owners (not licensees) who meet one of the following criteria:

1. If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
2. If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed final breeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection Act for definition.

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